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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT RICHARD CONLIN TO RUN FOR
REELECTION**

Seattle, WA – Council President Richard Conlin will run for reelection to the Seattle City Council. “Seattle works best when we work together. I have the experience, the commitment, and the knowledge to do the job. My task is to work with all of Seattle’s communities to create and implement a positive vision for our future”, Conlin said.

“These are challenging times. My goal is to keep Seattle stable and moving forward,” Conlin stated. “I will work towards a new economy, built around green jobs and the unique strengths of Seattle’s businesses and people. At the same time, we must support our families and our neighborhoods, especially those who are most affected by the economic downturn.”

“In my first year as Council President”, Conlin notes, “I have led my colleagues in creating and carrying out an action plan for Seattle, based on our principles of economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, social justice, and community. I want to continue this work – and keep the Council connected and accountable to the public.”

“I’ve demonstrated my ability to be innovative and responsive through my years of experience with major issues. I pledge to work hard to bring Seattle back to economic health, put people first, support local business and our regional economy, and protect Seattle’s environment over the next four years. That is the blueprint for a sustainable future for Seattle”, Conlin concluded.

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BIOGRAPHY

RICHARD CONLIN was elected to the Seattle City Council in November 1997 and reelected in 2001 and 2005. He has been selected by his colleagues to serve as Council President for 2008-2009.

In his first term, he chaired the Council's Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Community Development Committee, and moved 37 neighborhood plans through Council approval. The successful completion of the Neighborhood Planning Program was a key step in Seattle's implementation of Washington's Growth Management Act.

In his second term, Conlin served as Chair of the Council's Transportation Committee. He worked to implement regional plans to improve transit, develop new funding sources for transportation maintenance and neighborhood transportation improvements, and support pedestrian and bicycle improvements to reduce dependence on the automobile.

In his third term, Conlin chairs the Environment, Emergency Management, and Utilities Committee. The committee oversees solid waste, water, drainage, and sewer utilities, emergency management, and environmental initiatives, including salmon recovery, climate change, green building programs, and sustaining the urban forest. His work includes a major reshaping of Seattle's approach to solid waste and recycling ("Zero Waste Strategy") and developing sustainable infrastructure policies. Conlin also serves on the Energy and Technology and the Parks and Seattle Center Committees, and Chairs the Committee of the Whole on the State Route 520 Replacement Project.

Conlin is a member of the Sound Transit Board of Directors and represents Seattle on the Growth Management Planning Council of King County. He also serves on the regional committee overseeing salmon recovery in the Duwamish-Green River Cedar River ecosystem. He is a member and former Chair of the Community and Regional Development Panel for the CityFutures program of the National League of Cities.

Prior to being elected as a Seattle City Councilmember, Richard Conlin was Director of the Community and Environment Department at Metrocenter YMCA from 1985 to 1996. Among the programs he led were Seattle YMCA Earth Service Corps, supporting youth development through environmental education and action, and the Master Home Environmentalist, training volunteers to reduce home indoor pollution. Richard was one of the co-founders of Sustainable Seattle, an organization that published the "Indicators of Sustainable Community," and now works to promote actions that further Seattle's progress towards long-term cultural, economic, environmental, and social health.

Richard and his wife, Sue Ann Allen, have lived in Madrona since 1982. Prior to his election to City Council, he served as Public Safety Chair and Land Use Chair for the Madrona Community Council, and was active in the Central Area Neighborhood Plan.

Sue Ann is the Training Director for the Dispute Resolution Center of King County. Their three children are all graduates of Garfield High School. David Conlin is a conservation biologist for an environmental consulting firm, Tony Conlin-Allen works for a Seattle-area business-to-business technology sales company, and Caroline Allen is a student at North Seattle Community College.

Richard enjoys hiking, backpacking, and bicycling. He is also an avid reader, who usually has a stack of books on request at the Seattle Public Library, and has been a member of the Finding Geography Book Club for more than ten years.